

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Amended) A driver for inserting an elongated object into earth, said driver comprising:

a body portion having an elongated cavity for receiving such elongated object;

an impact member carried by said body portion adjacent an upper end thereof and disposed substantially normal to said elongated cavity, said impact member being generally rectangular shaped and having a length greater than a width thereof, said impact member having an upper surface for receiving impacts and a radially opposed lower surface engageable with an upper end of such elongated object for imparting a driving force to such elongated object, said elongated cavity having a blind end within said body portion formed by said radially opposed lower surface of said impact member; and

at least one elongated handle attached to at least one of said impact member and said body portion.

2. (Original) A driver, according to claim 1, wherein said at least one elongated handle is substantially parallel to said elongated cavity and spaced apart laterally from said elongated cavity.

3. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 1, wherein said upper surface of said impact has an area substantially greater than a cross section of said elongated cavity whereby said driver is a good target for a hammer.

4. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 3, wherein said body portion includes a pipe attached normally to said impact member.

5. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 4, wherein said pipe is welded to said impact member.

6. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 5, wherein said driver further includes at least one gusset welded to said impact member and to said pipe.

7. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 5 wherein said handle is welded to said impact member at an end of said handle.

8. (Amended) A driver, according to claim 7, wherein said handle further includes a transverse portion attached to said pipe at a location on said pipe spaced longitudinally from said impact member plate.

9. (Original) A driver, according to claim 1, wherein said driver includes at least two elongated handles, said at least two elongated handles being spaced apart oppositely from said elongated cavity.

10. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 9, wherein said body portion includes a pipe welded normally to said impact member, and said two elongated handles are welded to said impact member.

11. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 10, wherein said driver further includes at least two gussets welded to said pipe and to said impact member.

12. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 1, wherein said driver further includes a hand grip on said at least one elongated handle.

13. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 4, wherein said pipe has a slot at an end of said pipe remote from said impact member, said slot facilitating removal of impacted earth from said pipe.

14. (Previously Presented) A driver for inserting an elongated object into earth, said driver comprising:

a body portion having an elongated cavity for receiving such elongated object;

an impact member carried by said body portion adjacent an upper end thereof and disposed substantially normal to said elongated cavity, said impact member having an upper surface for receiving impacts from a hammer and a radially opposed lower surface engageable with an upper end of such elongated object for imparting a driving force to such elongated object, said elongated cavity having a blind end within said body portion formed by said radially opposed lower surface of said impact member; and

a pair of handles spaced laterally and oppositely from said cavity, said handles being substantially parallel to said elongated cavity.

15. (Original) A driver, according to claim 14, having sufficient strength and mass to be employed as an impact device to provide impacts on such elongated object by said blind end of said elongated cavity.

16. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 14, wherein said body portion includes a pipe attached normally to said impact member.

17. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 16, wherein said pipe is welded to said impact member.

18. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 17, wherein said driver further includes two gussets, each of said gussets welded to said pipe and to said impact member.

19. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 18, wherein said handles are welded to said impact member.

20. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 19, wherein each of said handles further includes a transverse portion attached to said pipe at locations on said pipe spaced longitudinally from said impact member.

21. (Previously Presented) A driver, according to claim 20, wherein said driver further includes a pair of gussets welded to said transverse portions and to said pipe.